

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR FERTILIZERS AND BIO GAS PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given for fertilizers and bio-gas plants during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

Urea is the only fertilizer under statutory price, distribution and movement control, and is given subsidy under the Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme (RPS). Total amount of subsidy including equated freight subsidy and subsidy on imported urea during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was Rs.7597.22 crore and Rs.8744.7 crore respectively.

As regards subsidy on bio-gas plants, the rate of Central subsidy, which is provided by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Resources, for setting up of a family type of bio-gas plant was Rs.6000/- in North Eastern Region States; Rs.3200/- in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and other hilly areas; Rs.2300/- for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and small and marginal farmers and Rs.1800 per plant for other during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under the Central Sector Scheme – National Project on Bio-gas Development. Under a separate scheme, community, institutional and night-soil based bio-gas plants were also given Central subsidy in fixed amounts varying according to the size of plants, areas and kind of institutions.